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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRES

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A pneumatic tire comprising:
- a tread portion provided with at least one circumferential groove extending along a circumferential direction of the tire;
- a plurality of slant grooves each opening to the circumferential groove and obliquely extending from such an opening position toward a ground contact end of a tread; and

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